

Docket NO. 12054-0023



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Naoshi ADACHI et al.) Art Unit: 2826
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Serial No.: 10/750,883) Examiner: Williams, Alexander
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Filed: January 5, 2004)

For: HEAT TREATMENT JIG FOR SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF
HEAT TREATING SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

SECOND ELECTION

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicants hereby elect
Species I, identified as Figures 2 and 11 by the Examiner.

Applicants wish to traverse the species election requirement since it improperly
groups Figures 11-13 with Figures 1-3 of the invention. As explained on page 13 of the
specification, Figures 11-13 are comparative illustrations showing arrangements that
employ a holder but not a ring. Thus, these Figures are improperly grouped with the
invention, and clarification of the species election requirement is requested in the next
Office Action.

In concert with the election of Species I, Applicants contend that claim 1 is generic

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to all species, and that claims 1-4 read on the elected species.

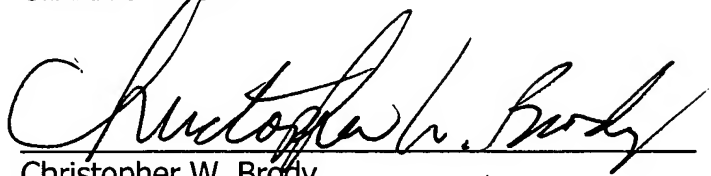
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An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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